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pen haven't been down yet. I am sure they would like to get \$1,000 a year salary increase as well as the Game and Parks correctional officers, as well as the State Patrol, as well as this and that different group, and once we start letting every individual group come down here and individually get a salary increase, we cause a logrolling that will never stop before we get to the Missouri River. So it was a real mistake that we started with the Beyer amendment. It is only natural that Senator Labedz offered this but it is time to draw the line in the sand and stop the further erosion of this procedure which we have followed so many different years. I ask your opposition to this rule suspension.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Warner, did you want to talk on the suspension of the rules?

SENATOR WARNER: Only on the basis that I think it is inappropriate to suspend the rule in order to consider this amendment. As I understand it, based on the figures that were put out the other day on the Patrol that trooper II average was \$16,944, I understand on the conservation officers, the average salary for the officer II is \$19,580 and there is 44 of those. The officer I, there is only 6 of them, \$15,393, and the other salaries go up when they are supervisors and chiefs anywhere from \$24,000 to \$29,800. But I would urge you not to do this because there, as we indicated on the Patrol the other day, there are other positions in state government that are also on the same basis as the Patrol and the conservation officers, and every time we do this we end up making the rounds which I would urge that these kind of adjustments ought to be done through the Department of Personnel with the appropriate surveys, appropriate adjustments so that internal equity between positions could be retained. So I would hope you would not suspend the rules in order to take up this amendment.

SENATOR CLARK: The question before the House is the suspension of the rules in order to put an amendment on the bill. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Record the vote.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 4 ayes, 29 nays to suspend the rules,